

REMARKS

Claims 11-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 11-18 have been newly added.

Applicants, by cancelling claims herein, make no admission as to the validity of any rejection made by the Examiner against any of these claims. Applicants reserve the right to reassert the original claim scope of any claim amended herein, in a continuing application.

Newly added claims 11-18 are directed to a method for reducing residual irritation caused by a warming material in a warming patch. Support new claims 11-18 can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. For example, please see, paragraphs [0006] and [0024] and original claims 1 and 3. Applicants respectfully submit that newly added claims 11-18 are novel and non-obvious.

No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, further and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

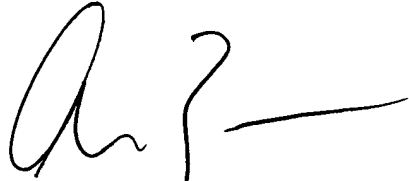
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for immediate allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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